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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 4, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three species of claims:

Species I – Figure 2 is associated with Claims 1-16, 37 and 39.

Species II – Figures 3, 8, 9 and 12 are associated with Claims 17-33 and 38.

Species III – Figure 7 is associated with Claim 35.

Applicants' representative elects with traverse Species I (Figure 2, associated with claims 1-16, 37, and 39) for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 34 and 36 are generic.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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